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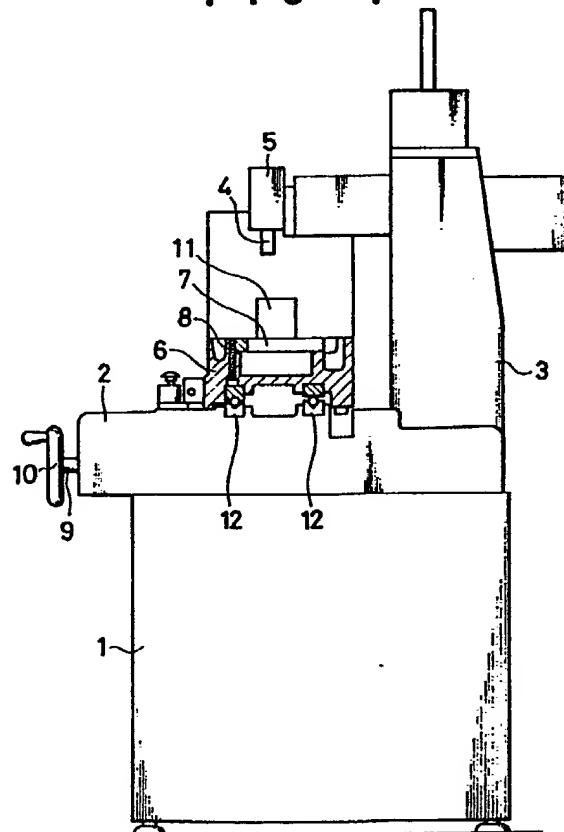
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(54) Machine tool table incorporating a work holder

(57) A magnetic or other chuck 7 for carrying work 11 thereon is provided in an embedded manner in the surface of a table 6 mounted on a machine tool for back and forth movement relative to a grinding wheel 4. The weight of the moving assembly including the table can thus be reduced, and the spacing between the surface of the table and the grinding wheel can be used effectively.

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FIG. 1

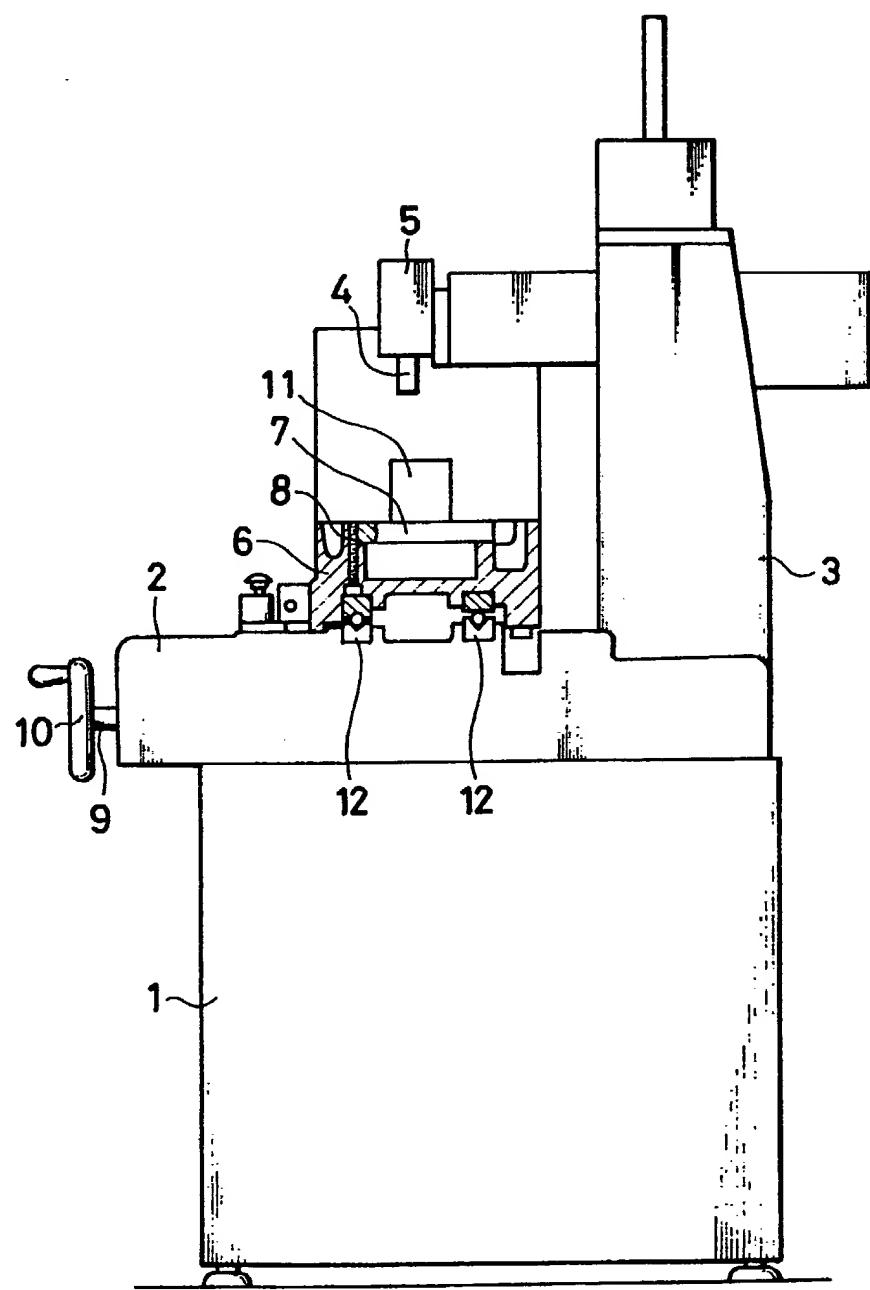
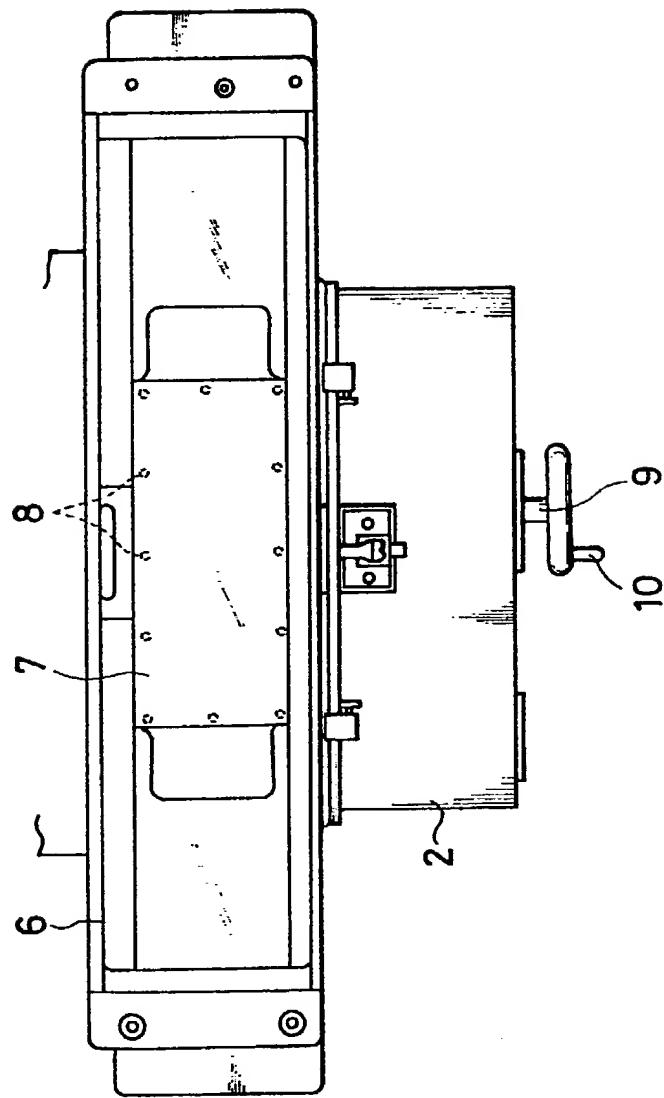


FIG. 2



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TABLE FOR MACHINE TOOL

This invention relates to a table for a machine
5 tool such as a grinding machine.

Generally, a table of a grinding machine or a
like machine tool is flattened at an upper face
thereof, and such machine tool includes a chuck for
10 mounting a workpiece thereon. A chuck such as, for
example, an electromagnetic chuck, a permanent magnet
chuck, a vacuum chuck or a mechanical chuck is mounted
on a flattened upper face of a table, and the
workpiece is secured to the flattened upper face of
15 the table by means of the chuck. When grinding
operation is effected, the table is moved back and
forth.

Such a conventional system as described above has
20 the problem that the combination weights of the chuck
and the table is great and the inertia of the table is
therefore high. Accordingly, there is a high shock
load when the direction of movement of the table is

reversed which has an influence on accuracy in working
and sliding portions of the parts are readily abraded.
Further, the distance between the table and a tool is
decreased by a dimension corresponding to a size of
5 the chuck, and the size of a workpiece which can be
worked is limited. Further, since the shock when the
direction of movement of the table is reversed is
great, the number of reversals of the table per unit
time must be decreased, which leads to a problem that
10 the operating efficiency is deteriorated.

It is a first object of the present invention to
provide a table which has a workpiece holding function
but is light in weight.

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It is a second object of the present invention to
provide a table wherein the distance between a
workpiece mounting face and a tool is increased.

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It is a third object of the present invention to
provide a table by which accuracy in working a
workpiece is improved.

It is a fourth object of the present invention to provide a table by which the efficiency in operation can be improved.

5 According to the present invention there is provided a table for a machine tool, characterized in that a chuck for carrying a workpiece thereon is embedded in a wall of said table and mounted for a back and forth movement relative to the tool.

10 Accordingly, the weight of a movable section including the table upon actual working on the machine tool can be reduced by a weight corresponding to the weight of the chuck, and consequently, the inertia
15 upon movement of the table can be reduced. Further it is possible to reduce the shock upon reversing of the table to improve the accuracy in working and moderate abrasion of guide portions on which the table is carried for sliding movement. Furthermore, the
20 distance between the table and the tool can be increased, and consequently, the limitation in size of a workpiece which can be worked can be moderated. Besides, the number of times of reversal of the table per unit time can be increased and the working
25 efficiency can be improved.

Brief description of the Drawings

Fig. 1 is a side elevational view, partly in section, showing an embodiment of the present invention; and

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Fig. 2 is a partial plan view of a table for a machine tool shown in Fig. 1.

An embodiment of the present invention will be
10 described below with reference to the drawings. A
machine tool shown includes a frame 1, a saddle 2
carried for movement in forward and backward
directions on the frame 1, and a column 3 provided
uprightly at a rear portion of the frame 1. A
15 grinding stone head 5 is carried for up and down
movement on the column 3 and has thereon a grinding
stone 4 serving as a tool and a motor (not shown) for
driving the grinding stone 4. A table 6 is mounted
for sliding movement in leftward and rightward
20 directions on an upper face of the saddle 2. A chuck
7 is provided in an embedded manner in an upper wall
of the table 6. In particular, the chuck 7 is flush
with the upper face of the table 6 and is secured to
the table 6 by means of a plurality of screws 8. The
25 chuck 7 may be of any type such as an electromagnetic

chuck, a permanent magnetic chuck, a vacuum chuck or a mechanical chuck. It is to be noted that a feed screw 9 is held in threaded engagement with part of the frame 1 and held for rotation in the saddle 2 such that it may be held from movement in an axial direction thereof, and a handle 10 is secured to an end of the feed screw 9.

With such a construction as described above, in order to perform grinding of a workpiece 11, at first the workpiece 11 is secured to the chuck 7, and then the handle 10 is turned to adjust the position of the saddle 2 in the forward and backward directions, whereafter a depth of cut of the grinding stone 4 is set. After then, the grinding stone 4 is rotated while the table 6 is moved back and forth in the leftward and rightward directions. In this instance, since the chuck 7 is provided in an embedded manner in the table 6, the weight of a movable section including the table 6 upon actual working on the machine tool can be reduced by a weight corresponding to the weight of the chuck 7, and consequently, the inertia upon movement of the table 6 can be reduced. Accordingly, it is possible to reduce the shock upon reversing of the table 6, improve the accuracy in working and

- moderate abrasion of guide portions 12 on which the
table 6 is carried for sliding movement. Further, the
distance between the table 6 and the grinding stone 4
can be increased, and consequently, the limitation in
size of a workpiece 11 to be worked can be moderated.
Besides, the number of times of reversal of the table
6 per unit time can be increased and the working
efficiency can be improved.
- 10 Since, according to the present invention, a
chuck for carrying a workpiece thereon is provided
in an embedded manner in that wall of a table mounted
for back and forth movement which opposes to a tool as
described hereinabove, the weight of a movable section
15 including the table upon actual working on the machine
tool can be reduced by a weight corresponding to the
weight of the chuck, and consequently, the inertia
upon movement of the table can be reduced. Further, it
is possible to reduce the shock upon reversing of the
20 table to improve the accuracy in working and moderate
abrasion of guide portions on which the table is
carried for sliding movement. Furthermore, the
distance between the table and the tool can be
increased, and consequently, the limitation in size of
25 a workpiece which can be worked can be moderated.

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Besides, the number of times of reversal of the table per unit time can be increased and the working efficiency can be improved.

CLAIMS

1. A table for a machine tool, characterized in
5 that a chuck for carrying a workpiece thereon is
embedded in a wall of said table and mounted for a
back and forth movement relative to the tool.

2. A table for a machine tool according to
10 claim 1, characterized in that said chuck has an upper
face positioned flush with an upper face of said
table.

3. A table for a machine tool according to
15 claim 1, characterized in that said chuck is secured
to said table from below by means of a plurality of
screws.

4. A table for a machine tool substantially as
20 herein described with reference to the accompanying
drawings.